

Application No. 10/667,398
Response to Restriction Requirement

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re: U.S. Patent Application of Marie-Christine PIEDBOEUF
App. No.: 10/667,398 Group Art Unit: 1732
Filed: September 23, 2003 Examiner: Mark EASHOO
Entitled: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CREATING COLOR
EFFECTS IN EXTRUDABLE MATERIAL**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria Virginia 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 3, 2005**, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1 to 17) for prosecution in the subject application, with traverse.


The traversal is on the grounds that the Examiner has failed to establish that a search of the complete application would be an undue burden as required by MPEP 803. MPEP 803 states: "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is Applicants' position that the Examiner has failed to establish that a search of the entire application constitutes an undue burden. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the entire application be searched and examined.

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In accordance with this election with traverse, applicants reserve all rights in the non-elected claims, including the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


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